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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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For: SYSTEM AND METHODS TO  
EFFECT RETURN OF A  
CONSUMER PRODUCT

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

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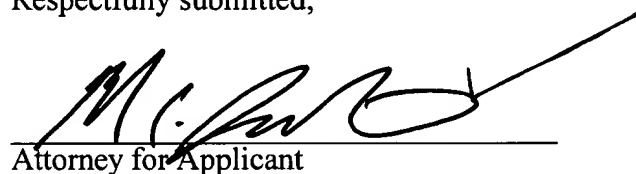
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 due under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2).

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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